

# State of North Carolina



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## CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, victims of crime across North Carolina need and deserve support and assistance to help them cope with the consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 13-19, 2008, offers us all the opportunity to strive to reach the goal of justice for all by ensuring that all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from the wide range of supportive services offered by community- and justice system-based programs in North Carolina, including 75 rape crisis centers and 102 domestic violence service programs according to the NC Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes that we make our homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger by serving victims of crime, providing resources to rebuild lives and ensuring justice for all; and

WHEREAS, victims' rights are a critical component of the promise of "justice for all," the foundation our system of justice in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, observing victims' rights and treating victims with dignity and respect serves the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities, and promoting confidence in public safety; and

WHEREAS, America has joined together annually each April since 1981 to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the state of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2008, to be "**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**" in North Carolina, and I urge all citizens to seek justice for all victims of crime.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina in Raleigh this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the independence of the United States of America the hundred and thirty-second.